

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joshua Broitman on 6/16/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 17 has been amended as follows: "and connection means" has been changed to --a connection means--

Claim 19 has been amended as follows: "the sealed connection" has been changed to --a sealed connection--.

The second claim 31 is renumbered as claim 32 and has been amended as follows: "the" has been deleted from "the an outer surface"

The original claim 32 has been amended as follows: Claim 32 is renumbered to claim 33.

The original claim 33 has been amended as follows: Claim 33 is renumbered to claim 34 and has is amended as follows: The dependency has been changed to "claim 33" and "the" has been deleted from "the an outer surface"

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHRISTOPHER SCHUBERT whose telephone number is (571)270-1656. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-5pm ESD.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Todd Manahan can be reached on 5712724713. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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